NEWS OF THE WORLD IN BRIEF.

Collections were taken up in the Catholic Churches yesterday for the orphan asylums of the city.

Bishop Keane, rector of the Catholic University, preached at St. Patrick's yesterday on charity.

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The twenty-seventh anniversary of Calvary Haptist Sunday-school was held yesterday morning.

Anniversary exercises were held at the Vermont Avenue Christiau Church last evening by the Young People's Association. Addresses were made by Rev. R. W. Officer of Indian Territory and J. L. Akkins.

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Among the things to be discussed at the nunual encampment of the Department of the Potomac will be the adoption of a resolution looking to exemption of sons of veterans from the civil service examination

veterans from the civil service examination for appointment to Government positions. At the Union M. E. Church last night Rev. Wilbur F. Crafts talked on Sunday work and Sunday amusements, and at Chabaugh's Hall G. E. Fifield of Boston, Mass, declared that the country could do without Sunday mails and nearly every other form of Sunday work. of Sunday work.

Domestic.

Complaint is made in Philadelphia of bad freight management at the South. Dr. Talmage will have a public reception on his return from abroad this week.

Charles Emory Smith of Philadelphia has been offered the mission to Russia, and will accept.

A hat factory combination is one of the latest developments of the tendency to syndicate schemes.

Ewing and Vaughan, late of the Louis-ville Club, have signed with the New York Baseball Brotherhood.

Judge Williams of Philadelphia has rendered a decision, the effect of which is to prohibit peddling in that city.

Some of the members of the Philadelphia Democratic city committee who recently bolled the nominating convention have been

Jake Kilrain won the fight with Felix Vacquelin at New Orleans yesterday, the local champion giving up at the end of the

Miss Fowler, the young English woman tho is going as a nurse to the Molokai epers, proposes to make a minute scientific study of leprosy.

study of leprosy.

It is now claimed that the rivalry of Mr.
Platt and Dr. Depew to succeed Senator
Evarts is the motive underlying the World's
Fair fight in New York. Joseph Brauston, a well-known wool buyer of Philadelphia, was stricken with apoplexy at the Leland Hotel, Syracuse, N. Y., and died Saturday night.

Both Classen and Pell, connected with the wreck of the New York banks, are in jail, and Mr. Leland has come to the aid of the Sixth National Bank with \$500,000.

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Joseph Bacon, a colored boy 12 years old, while at home in Eola, Mo., with his little sister and brother, aged 8 and 3 years respectively, deliberately killed both as they were at play in bed.

Coroner Dove, of Hamilton County, Ind. has decided that the terrible wreck on the Monon Monday last, near Carmel, Ind. was caused by the carelessness of the rail.

was caused by the carelessness of the rail road officials in using shims. Governor John M. Thayer of Nebrask has written to the Trans-Massouri Traffi

Association, at Chicago, demanding a re-duction of freight rates in the name of th suffering people of Nebraska.

The Metropolitan Block in Danville, Ill., was badly damaged early yesterday morning by fire, which originated in Gaul's Cracker Factory. His grocery stock and cracker machinery were destroyed.

Courtland A. Lazier was run over by a train on the New York Central Railroad yesterday evening near Syraeuse and died a few minutes later. He was 30 years old and leaves a widow and three children.

Conrad N. Jordan, president of the Western National Bank of New York, is authority for the statement that the Equitable Bank will resume business to-day. It is expected, he says, that the Lenox Hill Bank will resume in a few days.

The Rev. C. T. Phillips, a Presbyterian minister of St. Louis, was assaulted by burglars in his study in the Presbyterian Church Saturday night. He was beaten until he was unconscious, and was then robbed. The burglars escaped.

The influenza is spreading in the city of Mexico, and has assumed a more virulent form. A number of deaths have resulted from the disease. The United States Minister's son, who is suffering from pneumonia, is in a dangerous condition.

A grand labor coup has been quietly nursed in Minnesota, and is to be sprung in a few days. The ultimate object of its pro-moters is to supplant the Knights of Labor with a new organization, which will draw the power, influence and membership from

the older society. The three sons of James Bright, trustee of Kirkland Township, Adams County, Indiana, were found dead in their beds yesterday morning. They had been suffering from influenza, but when they retired Saturday night their condition was not considered depresents. sidered dangerous.

It is reported at Montevideo that the President of the Republic of Uruguay has been attacked by influenza. The disease has assumed an alarming character and has become epidemic. One newspaper reports that 4,000 persons have been attacked dur-ing the last fifteen days.

Two terrible fires occurred in Boston yes-terday, an Italian lodging-house being do-stroyed early in the morning, with the loss of the lives of ten persons, and later in the day the five-story marble office building of J. Montgomery Sears falling a person to the Montgomery Sears falling a prey to the mes, causing a loss of about \$200,000. John Kelley, an Arkansas lumberman, or

hast Saturday heard that his wife, from whom he had been separated about a year, was too intimate with a 10-year-old boy. He went to Mrs. Kelley's house and shot the boy, killing him instantly. Mrs. Kelley fired twice at her husband, who then shot and killed her. Kelley's wounds were only slight. He has not yet been apprehended.

An Ottawa, Ont., special says that the discovery that Lord Stanley, with members of the Vice-Regal suite and some leaders of Ottawa's upper social circle, has been in the habit of resorting to the Vice-Regal Riuk on Sundays for a quiet game of bockey, has caused a sensation in religious circles. His Excellency will probably be resuked from one or more of the city church pulnits next Sunday. church pulpits next Sunday.

Mrs. Langtry is in London ill. The United States Squadron has arrived

John Reid & Co., one of the oldest ship-building firms on the Clyde, have falled with heavy liabilities. It is stated that the London Times will pay Mr. Campbell £200 damages, besides meeting all the costs of his action.

A circus in Lisbon was wrecked by the sudience because a pautomime referring to the Portuguese in Africa was considered ob-jectionable.

The editor of the Paris Nation and the larquis de Mores fought a duel on the legian frontier, and the former was shot n the right arm. Emperor William will visit the Danish

court at Fredensborg and remain there sev-eral days in June. The Empress and her sister Marguertte will accompany him.

Archbishop Corrigan of New York has arrived in Rome. He is to have an audi-

arrived in Rome. He is to have an audi-ence with the Pope, and will then start im-mediately for Palestine. The Portuguese Government will dispatch an appear to all the European powers re-questing the formation of a conference to

determine the disputed rights between Por-tugal and England. The German foreign office regards the

agreement between the German and Czechs in Bohemia as a triumph for the diplomacy of Prince Bismarck and the personal Indunce of Emperor William.

Gas Light Directors Elected. rectors for the Washington Gas Light Company to-day resulted in the unanimous lection of the following: George A. Me-henny, John C. Bullitt, William B. Webb, R. Riley and James W. Orme.

Complete Details of Terrible Calamity.

SAFETY OF THE SECRETARY

Mrs. Tracy Dies From a Fearful Fall

An Fye-Witness' Thrilling

Account.

From a Window.

MISS TRACY SUFFOCATED.

Horrible Death of the French Waiting Maid, Josephine Morel.

Mrs. Wilmerding Lets Go Her Hold and Drops to the Areaway of the Base ment-Narrow Escape of Mrs. Wilmerding and Her Little Daughter Chief Parris' Graphic Story-"One of the Bravest Young Fellows That Ever Crawled Into a Smoke-Filled House"-The Chief Helps the Secretary to Escape - .. My Daughter!" Were Mr. Tracy's First Words When He Regained Consciousness Miss Tracy's Boudoir Presents a Pathetic Picture_She is Found Lying on Her Face in the Passage Way-Her Pets Die With Her-The Canary's Song is Stilled and Will no More Call Its Mistress at Early Dawn-A Sad, Sad

A fire at the residence of Secretary of the Navy Tracy this morning resulted in the death of Mrs. Tracy, her daughter, Mary Warrington Tracy, and a French maid, Josephine Morel.

Mrs. Wilmerding, the widowed daughter of the Secretary, and her daughter, Miss Alice, escaped by leaping from the second story front window. They alighted on the soft grass of the

The wrist of Alice was sprained. Sec. retary Tracy was rescued by Chief Parris of the Fire Department, who found him unconscious in his room. He was taken to the residence of Judge Bancroft Davis and Dr. Ruth, his physician, reports him out of danger.

The funeral of Mrs. Tracy and her daughter will take place from the White House to-morrow. The interment will

be in the family plot in Brooklyn. The cause of the fire has not yet been definitely learned, but will be investi-

"34-9-10" will long be remembered by the firemen of Washington, for it sounded a summons to one of the most fearful and fatal catastrophes the city has seen for many years, and resulted in the death of two of the most loved and popular ladies in society here.

Few people except servants were awake in the fashionable West End this morning, when a postman engaged in collecting the mails from the boxes walked down I street, between Seventeenth and Eighteenth. He stopped on the corner and emptied the letter-box there, and then continued his way. He had gone but a few steps, however, when he reached the residence of Secretary Tracy Smoke was stealing from the bay win dow of the house and he stopped rubbed his sleepy eyes and looked at it again. Then two other pedestrians came along and stopped for an instant to watch a tiny tongue of flame creep out of the window.

IT MIGHT HAVE BEEN AVERTED. The men scattered, but unfortunately none of them ran into the house to awaken the sleeping people there. One ran to the station, while another went to look for a policeman, but in the meantime the flames made better time

than they, and by the time the engines arrived the front of the building was in flames, at least that portion of it where the long bay-window ran up. Chief Parris of the Fire Department was the first to enter the house, and to his courage and self-possession Secre-

tary Tracy owes his life. His story of the rescue, as told by himself, is printed below. WHO WERE IN THE HOUSE.

Besides the Secretary, Mrs. Tracy and their daughter, Miss Mary, there were in the house Mrs. Wilmerding. daughter of the Secretary; her daughter, Alice; the French maid, Josephine, and half a dozen servants. No one but the servants had arisen, and they were in the kitchen and dining-room preparing breakfast when the fire was discovered. They made no attempt, so far as is known, to awaken the sleeping people upstairs, but when the smoke crept downstairs they fled out into the alley and from there to the street, leav-

ing the family to their fate. Mrs. Wilmerding and her daughter, Miss Alice, occupied the front rooms or the second floor, and were the first to discover the fire. They ran into the hall, but were forced back by the flames. Then they threw up the front windows, and, with great presence of mind, climbed out, holding on to the sill, and dropped on the soft grass of the terrace below. This probably

are still in an hysterical condition.

CARRIED TO DR. BANTER'S. They were carried to the house of Dr. Baxter, just around the corner, where physicians were summoned. Miss Wil merding's wrist was severely sprained, but otherwise she was unburt. Later in the day the two ladies were carried

to the residence of Lieutenant Mason. The bodies of Mrs. and Miss Tracy are at Attorney-General Miller's, where they are being embalmed. Miss Tracy has an ugly bruise on her forehead, evidently made by striking her head against some object in trying to escape from her room. Mrs. Tracy had a roll of \$600 in her hand when she jumped from the window. The money was found lying in the area, where it had fallen from her hand, and was given to the Chief of Police.

BODIES TO LIE IN STATE. The President left the White House this morning at 8 o'clock, immediately upon receiving tidings of the fright calamity which had befallen the family of the Secretary of Navy, and drove at once to the house to which the bereaved man had been taken. There he has remained all morning, Mrs. Harrison having joined him an hour later. At 10:30 the President dispatched Mr. Dinsmore, who, with Mr. Halford, had accompanied the President, back to the White House to give the order to have things in readiness to receive the bodies of Mrs. and Miss Tracy, which will be laid in state in the East Room.

That apartment, which has been so recently the scene of brilliant gatherings, graced by the gifted, handsome women soon to be placed therein in that last long slumber which knows no waking in this world, will be turned into a place of mourning, and the White House will be decorated with the appropriate emblems of woe.

THE INJURED LADIES. Mrs. Wilmerding and daughter are at the residence of Dr. Baxter, where the former received prompt medical attention for the broken leg and arms sustained in the courageous jump from the second-story window. Secretary Tracy will also be brought to the White House, in order to secure him that quiet and seclusion which it would be almost impossible to obtain elsewhere. WHITE HOUSE PLANS GIVEN UP.

At 10:45 o'clock the express wagon arrived at the White House for the trunks of the President and Mrs. Harrison, who were to have accompanied the Justices of the Supreme Court to New York. This trip has, of course, teen abandoned, as the President will not leave Secretary Tracy. The three State dinners planned for this week, together with every other form of official galety, will be abandoned for the week, for Washington has been turned into a veritable city of mourning where sympathy for the afflicted ones is felt alike by those of high and low de-

GENERAL CATLIN COMING. A dispatch has been received from General Catlin, the father-in-law of Secretary Tracy, saying he will arrive in the city this evening and

take charge of the remains of Mrs. Tracy and her daughter. BUT ONE TOPIC DISCUSSED. On the streets every one walks along talking without ceremony to any one who chances by on the one all-absorb ing topic which, for the time being, has drawn people out of themselves and made them oblivious of the ordinary rules of etiquette. In the street cars the passengers sit packed as closely as possible, listening with intent interest to those who read the thrilling details of the great tragedy, which has necessitated the getting out of extras by THE CHITTE These extras, as they appeared in quick succession, were bought up by the people as rapidly as the newsboy could supply the demand, and the minutest item regarding the fire is read

with avidity. With Mrs. Tracy and Miss Tracy and Mrs. Colonel Coppinger, Secretary Blaine's daughter, all lying dead, Sec retary Tracy seriously Ill, and his health permanently impaired, Governmental circles were enshrouded in sad ness and gloom.

The members of the Cabinet, with whom Secretary Tracy was very popular, were among the first to call. They were all shocked beyond measure at the calamity, and placed their respective houses at the disposal of the afflicted family. THE CASUALTIES.

Mrs. Tracy died of her injuries within an hour after she was burt. Her daughter, Miss Mary, was suffocated to death. The French maid, Marie, was suffocated to death and also badly burned. The Secretary was suffocated, but was revived, and is better. The German cook was slightly burned. Mrs. Wilmerding and her little daughter jumped from the second story window, receiving slight injuries.

THE SECRETARY DELIRIOUS. The Secretary was revived, but was delirious. He raved in a rambling way about his beloved daughters. He had not arrived at a full knowledge of the

calamity which had befallen him. Mrs. Tracy was lying upon a lounge in the sitting room of Dr. Rheem's house. She was perfectly conscious, and did not seem to suffer pain. Occasionally she complained of an oppression in the neighborhood of her heart, and found a difficulty in breathing. She talked awhile and then became

The physicians looked at each other significantly. The sufferer coughed once. A little blood trickled from her mouth. There was an uneasy movement of the body and then quiet. Mrs. Tracy was dead. The immediate cause of her death was supposed to be from injuries to her heart, sustained in her fall from the window, which flooded her lungs with blood. Her body was removed in the police ambulance to Gawler's undertaking establishment, and the body of her daughter and the French maid carried there also.

Secretary Tracy was carried around saved them from severe injury, but, as 'to Mr. J. Bancroft Davis' house and dow and a group of frightened servants

it is, both received severe shocks and | the best medical aid summoned to his

A WHITE HOUSE PUNERAL. There has not been a funeral at the White House since December, 1873, when Frederick Dent, the father of Mrs. Grant, died at the age of 87.

Dr. Rheem's Account, The story of Dr. E. S. Rheem, who lives fust around the corner on Seventeenth street, gives an eye-witness account of one of the thrilling incidents of the fire. His house runs back along the alley, the kitchen being opposite the second-story room of the Secretary's

Dr. Rheem said: "I was awakened by the most fearful screams proceeding from Secretary Tracy's house. I ran to my third story window and witnessed a fearful sight. Clinging to the edge of the window-sill of the second story was Mrs. Tracy. She was in her night clothes. The smoke was pouring out of the window behind her.

"Suddenly she let go her hold and dropped clear to the area-way of the basement, which is some distance below the level of the yard. My attention was then attracted by the screams which proceeded from the roof. I looked up and through the black, dense smoke, saw a woman come out of the window in the mansard roof and walk along the

"She waved a blanket around herself, trying to clear away the smoke, which poured out after her, all the while uttering piercing screams. Every moment I expected to see her jump. In a few minutes there was a shout, a clatter of feet and a squad of firemen bearing a ladder rushed down the alley. They hoisted it, but found it too short. Then another was raised and the woman brought down and into this house. She was the German cook."

In the meantime some men had picked up Mrs. Tracy and bore her into Dr. Rheem's house. At the same time three firemen appeared at the second story window, bearing the form of Secretary Tracy. The men had groped bravely around through the burning room and found him in bed. As they bore him down the ladder he was limp and unconscious. He was taken into Dr. Rheem's kitchen. Doctors were on the scene, and were ministering to the sufferers.

The Footman's Story. The footman in the employ of the Secretary is a young man named R. C. Turner. He gives an account of the fire as follows: "It was about 7 o'clock, I had just dressed my myself, was in the basement and was going up into the dining room to clean the silver, when some one rang the basement doorbell. The laundress went to the door. In a moment she called the butler. I heard him run hurriedly up the stairs and then rush down again.

"'My God! The house is all on fire!" he exclaimed. Then we all ran out into I street.

DISCOVERING THE FIRE. "It seems a colored man, a servant at the Arno Hotel, was passing the house and saw smoke coming from the first floor doorway and windows. He rang the bell and gave us the alarm. Then he ran down to the engine-house and turned in the fire alarm. The engines were soon there. Just as they arrived I saw Mrs. Wilmerding and her little daughter appear at the front window of the second story. She was in her night clothes and was screaming wildly, The firemen were trying to get a ladder up waved my hands at her and shouted to her to wait. A cloud of smoke burst out of the window behind her, and, taking the little girl in her arms, she sprang from the window, falling upon the pavement. A dozen men rushed forward and picked them up Mrs. Wilmerding's wrist was broken and she and her little daughter were both bruised."

How the Fire Was Discovered,

Early this morning a colored waiter employed at the Hotel Arno was passing along I street on his way to work. It was not very light, although nearly 7 o'clock for there was a heavy mist hanging over the city and the street-lamps were still blinking, redeyed as if from being up all night. The colored man drew his coat about him and hurried on, shiving in the raw, cold air. As he passed along the south side of Farragut Square he perceived the pungent odor of burning wood and cloth.

He glanced up, and just across the street saw the smoke issuing from the doors and windows of a large threestory brick house, with mansard roof. was one of the imposing structures which forms a group of three palatial residences on I street, east of the corner of Seventeenth street. He ran across the street and could hear the crackie of flames inside the house. There was a light as of a gas-jet in the basement. Probably some of the servants were awake. He vigorously pulled the door-bell. It was answered

by a female domestic. "The house is on fire!" he exclaimed The woman seemed paralyzed with fright. "Wake up the people and I will run for the engines!" said the colored man as he darted up the basemen steps. He paused a moment, looking

wildly around. He could not remember where a firealarm box was located. There was an engine-house not far away, on K street, between Fifteenth and Sixteenth streets. Like a flash he was off to give the

Chief Parris' Story.

"As boy and man I have been a fire man for thirty three years in this town, said Chief Parris, as he stood among the rules of the Tracy mansion and flicked the perspiration from his brow with his sooty hand, "and it was the closest call I ever had. Come up stairs and I'll show you how it happened. He led the way up the cinder-paved

stairway, which tottered under his When I arrived here this morning. flames were issuing from the front wla

Firemen had already burst in the door. and up the steps I leaped, followed by Howard Wright here, one of the bravest young fellows that ever crowded into a smoke filled house. We ran through the long hall into the Secretary's private bath and from there into his bed-room. The place was thick with smoke and through it I saw the form of the Secretary groping his way toward the door. Just as I pushed my way through he fell and I caught him in my arms. He is a very heavy man, and I staggered from the terrible weight. But I managed to carry him to the window, and, throwing it up, I put his head out and called to the men to push up the ladder. All this ok time, and as we stood there waiting I looked back over my shoulder and saw the flames steadily advancing upon GALLANT PELLOWS.

"I called to the men on Truck No. o keep back the flames at any cost and they did so. When I turned around from giving this order a ladder was being pushed up to the window and two men skinned up the rounds like a couple of monkeys. I handed over the form of the Secretary to their keeping. He regained conclousness a moment and murmered 'my daugh

"I pushed my way back through the smoke, and, the first door reached, I pushed my way in. It was like a furpace, and, for an instant, I was completely blinded. Then I saw through the fog a bed and lying prostrate on i was the form of a woman. I caught her in my arms, but saw that life must be extinct, for the skin peeled off under my touch. I wrapped the body of the young girl, for it was Miss Tracy, in the bed clothing, carried ber down the stairway and laid her down tenderly on the sidewalk. I haven't seen her since.

A CLOSE CALL "All this time I had paid no attention to the fire. When lives were in danger we could not stop to look after anything else. Yes, decidedly, it was the closest call I ever had, and I hope I may never have another like it.'

A Pathetic Picture. After the fire was out the pretty boudoir of Miss Mary Tracy, furnished in blue and gold, presented a pathetic picture. Her room was next to that of her father's, with whom she was a favorite, and a door led into it. Over the tasteful art square was scattered bric a brac broken in pieces. He favorite books were burned and cov ered with dirt, and scattered all about by the swift stream of water that camtoo late to save her young life. But the most pathetic thing of all was

THE DEAD PETS. She was very fond of pets.. They will not miss her, however, for they, toe, passed away when she did. At the foot of the bed was the poodle dog which she had often petted. Around its neck was a blue ribbon, tied there tion will be made by Chief Parris before by her hands. Two canaries that used to awake her from her dreams in the morning lay dead in the bottom of their cage, and as a policeman, a man used stopped to look in, he drew the sleeve of a lamp which was left burning on a of his coat over his eyes and hurried table in the dining-room.

At Bancroft Davis' House. After being borne down the ladder in an unconscious condition Secretary Tracy was removed by the firemen to the residence of J. C. Bancroft Davis, on H street, between Sixteenth and Seventeenth streets, and he was at once attended by Surgeon-General Brown of

Lieutenant Mason, U. S. N., con veyed the sad intelligence to the White House, and the President accompanied him to the bedside of the Secretary and remained until the latter was restored to consciousness.

Efforts of the physicians were rewarded with success, but the Secretary was delirious as soon as he awoke, and began pleading a case before a jury. It was deemed inadvisable to acquaint him with his terrible affliction, even if he was sufficiently recovered to bear it. and after he had turned over on his side opiates were administered and he was soon asleep again. A stalwart marine, in full uniform

was stationed at the door of the Davis mansion to receive callers and answer questions, and a relay of clerks from the Navy Department were in the parlor, ready for service. One of the last acts of the Secretary before leaving the Navy Department Saturday afternoon was to direct his private secretary to in form a gentleman that he would be at the Fifth Avenue Hotel in New York this evening at 9 o'clock.

THE SECRETARY BETTER 'Secretary Tracy is much better and will not die," said Dr. Ruth to the reporter at 10 o'clock. He is now resting easily under the influence of sedatives. He has not yet been told of the death of his wife.

SECRETARY TRACY LEARNS THE NEWS. President Harrison returned to the White House at 1:20 o'clock from the bedside of Secretary Tracy, who he reported was resting as comfortably as could be expected under the cireumstances. About 11 o'clock, Mr. Tracy, who had recovered consciousness. asked President Harrison where Miss Tracy was. The President could not answer the question. Mr. Tracy, evidently feeling that her escape was al most impossible, asked: "Is she dead?"

Still the President could not answer the question of his friend, and Mr. Tracy, apparently realizing the truth from the President's hesitancy, at once swooned and remained unconscious for half hour. Recovering he asked for his daughters. The President told the Secretary that his daughter Mary was dead, and again Mr. Tracy swooned Secretary Tracy's physicians say that he is out of danger.

Dr. Ruth stated shortly after 2 o'clock this afternoon that the Secretary was sleeping quietly, and that unless some complications arose he will be in no danger. He continued to rest easily this afternoon.

The President has directed that as

were standing chattering on the corner. soon as Secretary Tracy is able to after the House had convened, he feelbe moved from the residence of Mr. ingly referred to the sorrows of the Davis that he should be brought to the White House and a large room on the | them and the assembled House comfort south front has been prepared for the in their forrow and immunity from

Mrs. Tracy's Heroism. It is thought that Mrs. Tracy was the first to be awakened by the fire, and it is also surmised that she made an heroic attempt to save the life of her husband. Secretary Tracy was almost unconscious when found, and it is said that his wife attempted to drag the inanimate body of the Secretary to the window. In this she partially succeeded. Half dazed and blinded by the smoke, she opened the window and just as the firemen were putting up a ladder to rescue her, she

LEAPED TO THE SIDE WALK. Her body was picked up with severe internal injuries and a broken leg. She was taken to a neighboring house, and, without recovering consciousness, died within an hour. The ladder, which would have saved Mrs. Tracy's life had she waited but a brief moment before leaping to the sidewalk, was soon placed under the window, and strong hands lifted the body of Secretary Tracy through it and carried him to the side-

Mrs. Tracy was obliged to have passed through her husband's room to reach the window from which she made the fatal leap.

Sketch of Mrs. Tracy. Mrs. Tracy was a sister of General Isaac S. Catlin, a prominent lawyer of Brooklyn, and her early days were spent in Tioga County, N. Y., where she was always very popular. It was in this locality that she was wooed and won by Secretary Tracy, who, with ex-Senator Platt and General Catlin, were wellknown social leaders in that section. During her married life Mrs. Tracy has been an invalid a greater portion of the time, and the social duties entailed upon her as a Cabinet Minister's wife have been entrusted mainly to her daughter, Mrs. Wilmerding, a widow with one daughter. It was only recently that Mrs. Tracy left her comfortable home in Brooklyn and came to the Capital, but she had not been able to participate in social galeties until last Thursday evening, when she attended a reception with her husband. Arrangements had been made for Mrs. Tracy, her daughters

and granddaughter to accompany the Secretary to New York this atternoon, and this will account for the presence of Mrs. Wilmerding and Miss Nellie at the Tracy Mansion last evening. A telegram was sent to Mr. Frank B. Tracy at Marchland, the stock farm of Secretary Tracy, and information of the sad affair was immediately conveyed to General Catlin at Brooklyn. What Caused the Fire! As yet the cause of the fire has not been determined, and a rigid investiga-

he makes his report to the Commission ers. Two theories are advanced by the Chief, but he will commit himself to neither, though he inclines to the to sights like this, passed the door and | idea that it was caused by the explosion There were callers house last night, and it is

thought that the lamp was forgotten by the family, and as the servants had already retired there was no one to attend to it. This theory is borne out by the condition of the drawing-room. It is burned more than any other room in the house, and in the opinion of the employe of the Building Inspector's office who was sent to investigate the causes of the are, it origmated there.

ANOTHER THEORY. The other theory advanced is by one of the servants, who says that the butler filled the furnace with coal before retiring, in order to save himself the trouble of giving that early attention to it which would otherwise have been necessary, This practice of the butler's has been for some time a source of unfavorable comment and expostulation among the servants, whose talk on the subject has been systematically unheeded until the accident of this morning, with its appalling catastrophy, has been the

Cabinet Trip Abandoned. Owing to the calamity which befell the family of the Secretary of the Navy this morning, the President and members of the Cabinet have aband oned their intended visit to New York to take part in the exercises which have been arranged incident to the judicial centennial, which is to be celebrated in that city to-morrow. It is understood that a movement on foot by Justices of the Supreme Court of the United States to have the ceremonies, banquet, etc., postponed for at least one day

Sorrow in Congress.

The Senate met promptly at noon, with nearly every seat occupied. The Chaplain offered prayer. The journal was read and approved. Senator Cameron of Pennsylvania then took the floor and said:

"Mr. President: On last Saturday night the Secretary of State lost by death a beloved daughter. At an early hour this morning the house of the Secretary of the Navy was destroyed by fire and those who are near and dear to him perished. In view of these sudden and great calamities to the members of our Government, I move that the Senate do now adjourn.

The motion was agreed to without dissent and the Senate stood adjourned, after a session of precisely ten minutes. THE REPRESENTATIVES MOURN.

There was not the usual bustle in the House of Representatives previous to its convening this morning, but everyone seemed rather subdued, and a genend air of sadness prevailed. Members had copies of the extra papers, and were discussing in sympathetic tones the awful disaster of the early

morning. When the Chaplain offered prayer,

Secretary of the Navy, and invoked for

THE CHAPLAINS' PRAYERS. The prayers of the chaplains of the two houses were of univual interest this morning. The Rev. W. H. Milburn of the House made direct reference to the awful calamity which be fell Secretary Tracy this morning, and to the less Secretary Biains met with last Saturday. The Rev. Mr. Milburn's prayer was as follows:

Oh, Thou who hast taught us that Thou

dost not unwillingly affilet or grieve the

children of men, we drawnigh to Thee to the shadow of the awful calamity which has overwhelmed the household of the Secretary of the Navy, and in the new sorrow that has come to the family of the Secretary of State. In such a time as this vain are the help and sympathles of men. Only Thou, oh Father of our souls, caust comfort, succor, uphold. Let there sufferers find the ministry of consolation to be obtained alone in the steadfastness of Thy truth, in the presence of Thy spirit, in the assurance of immortality and eternal life. Oh! Christ, who bearest the sob of the breaking heart and feelest the misery and the distress of all that are in pain, come Thou to them who suffer and grant them Thy pity and Thy consolation. Bring home to the sense of all, that there is but a step between us and death, and that in such an hour as we think not. the Son of Man may come to us. Help us to order our steps and our ways, reverent in the thought of the judgment and the eternal life, and bring us and all for whom we pray into life's discipline of pain and sorrow to the home and rest of Thy people in Heaven, we pray, through our only Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.

In the Senate the Rev. J. G. Butler, D. D., prayed at unusual length. That part of his petition bearing the more directly on the terrible event of the day, was as follows:

To whom can we come, oh, God of consolation, but unto Thee in the time of trouble? How unsearchable are Thy judgments and Thy ways past finding out Clouds and darkness are round about Thee! Justice and judgment are the habitations of Thy throne; mercy and truth go before Thy

Then dost make all things to work to gether for good to those that love Thee, and we come with the confidence and trust of children as we gather under the shadow of this great sorrow. It it please Thee, sustain and spare the

useful life. Comfort and sinctify those who sit in darkness and give unto them Oh, God, we open not our mouths be cause Thou didst it. Thou orderest the falling of the sparrow, and the bairs of our head are all numbered. Thou art

infinitely wise, infinitely kind. We cannot understand Thee. We pray for an abiding faith in God, that day by day we may go forward obeliently, and courageously, and trustingly, ever looking unto Thee for guidance, for help. for strength, for comfort in every time of

Damages to the House. The burned house was the old residence of Don M. Dickinson when he Postmaster General, and was bought from him by General Tracy about six months ago, and thoroughly renovated and furnished. It was worth \$8,000, and the damage to the house and furniture is estimated by the in

surance agents at \$35,000. The house pext to that of the Tracy mansion, on the corner of Connecticuavenue and I street, is the property of ex-Governor A. Leo Knott, and was not damaged to any great extent, as the wind swept the flames to the westward. in the direction of Justice Cox's residence.

The furniture is being removed from the burned house and carried to the War, State and Navy Department, where it is being stored in the basement. The silver ware was taken there early this morning and put in the vaults.

The insurance on the Tracy house is divided equally among the followingnamed companies: Ætna and Hartford of Hartford, Conn.; the Springfield of Massachusetts and the Franklin of Philadelphia. The insurance on the furniture is estimated at \$8,000, which is divided between several companies.

Judge Cox's House Damaged.

Justice Cox of the District Supreme Court, occupies the house next to that of the Secretary and the damage to it will probably amount to \$2,000. The flames did not reach the house and the damage was done entirely by water. Justice Cox was awakened by the noise made by the engines, and be tore he had time to dress himself a stream of water came splashing through his bedroom window. He ran through the house and awakened his family and servants and hurried them out into the street. Then he followed, after dress-

ing himself. Judge Cox or one of his associates on the bench will probably have a knotty legal point to settle if he demands the insurance which was on his house and furniture; for, while his property was damaged indirectly by fire, nothing was burned by its

Inspection of the House. Building Inspector Entwisle inspected

the Tracy mansion this atternoon and found that the fire broke out in the hardwood sheathing next to the fireplace. It was also found that the back stairs were not injured and that Mrs. Tracy

and her daughter could have escaped in that way. Johnson Misunderstood Her. Mistress of the House (widow)-Well. Johnson, of course I'm very sorry to lose you; at the same time I must congratulate

you on your good fortune in having this money left you. (Pleasantly.) I suppose you'll be looking out for a wife now?

Johnson—Well, muin, beggin' your parden, and I'm sure I feel greatly honored at what you propose, but—or—I'm engaged to a young woman already.—Grip.

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ORIOS GREAT FORGERY.

General Grosvenor Reads a Statement of the Results Accomplished. The select committee of the House to investigate what is known as the Ohio ballot box forgery resumed its hearing this morning, after a recess of two weeks. General Grosvenor made a statement, in which he said that a very great deal of unnecessary and unjust criticism had been published concerning the committee and himself. The Commerctal-Gazette, whose owner was one of the principal persons in the investiga-tion, had published severe criticisms on the committee, and had charged that

duty in not cross-examining certain "I hope you don't think I had any-thing to do with it General" asked

General Grosvenor was dereliet in his

Governor Foraker.

"Nothing at all," was the reply.

"You're a lawyer, Governor,"

General Grosvenor said he desired to bring forward a number of witnesses in order to bring out the facts in some thing like logical order. Ex-Governor Foraker stated he had

made every endeavor to get at the truth. General Grosvenor said he was not a prosecuting attorney. He was simply defending his clients. His clients were

being constantly confronted by the as-sertion that they were concerned in some other ballot-box contract. He knew nothing of such a contract. Representative Butterworth appeared before the committee and stated that speaking for all the gentlemen whose names appeared on the forged document.

he denied the statements being con-

stantly printed, that these gentlemen were not desirous of having a full and complete investigation. Representative Justin R. Whiting of Michigan, whose name appeared on the forged ballot-box contract, was sworn, and testified that the signature bad not been placed on the pa-per by him. Mr. Whiting said that Mr. Walters, who had been employed by him, and who secured the autographs of members of Congress for Wood, had no wrong connection with the latter's doings. The witness had no knowledge of any ballot-box con-

Powell Crossle of Cincinnati, a for-mer partner of Representative Butterworth, was the next witness. He said that he had never had in his possession any paper connected with a ballot-box. He had no knowledge of any ballot-box contract.

The next witness was Governor Campbell. He was shown the forged tallot-box contract and stated he had never seen it before. He had never signed his name like the signature on the paper. He denies any knowledge of any ballot-box contract. He had introduced the Ballot-box like his signature. box bill as a favor to Thomas C. Camp-bell of Cincinnati. The witness told all he knew of the ballot-box matter. Some three years ago he had seen a patent ballot box in the office of T. C. Campbell. The ballot-box was manipulated by R. G. Wood, some time after T. C. Campbell had brought one of these patent boxes to Washington to exhibit to the Congressional Commit tee on Elections. It was at this time that the witness agreed to introduce the bill. His attention was first brought to his connection with the the Cincinnati Commercial-Gazette. A

recess was here taken. WORLD'S FAIR WORK.

The House Committee Fails to Secure a Quorum The House World's Fair Committee failed to hold a regular meeting this morning. The members of the committee were in and out, but a quorum was not present at any one time. Mr. Belden arrived late and Mr. Flower was not present at all. Informally they discussed the advisability of reporting the bill to the House before the adoption of code of rules. It was the general opinion that it would be unwise to do so. No date is set for another meeting, but Chairman Can-dler will get it together as soon as he

The Senate Quadro-Centennial Committee had no meeting, and no day has been fixed yet for holding it. Senator Hiscock said there was nothing new is

the matter of the fair. IDAHO TEST-OATH CASE.

Decision Rendered in the U. S. Supreme Court. The Supreme Court of the United States to day rendered an opinion through Justice Field, affirming the judgment of the Third Judi cisl District Court, in the fa

ing the constitutionality of the test-outh section of the Edmunds-Tucker polygamy law.

The court decides that polygamy and bigamy are offenses against mankind and are not properly part of any religious belief, and that a member of the Mormon Church, or any sect that encourages polygamy, cannot take the test-oath on applying for registration to vote with

The Special Trip to New York

out violating the law.

A vestibule train of palace cars over the Pennsylvania Railroad left here for New York at 3 o'clock this afternoon with a distinguished party of jurists to attend the Judiciary Centennary celebration in that city to-morrow. The following-named members of the Suprema Court of the United States, accompanied by the ladies of their families, were on the

Chief Justice Fuller, Associate Jus-tices Miller, Field, Bradley, Harlan, Blatchford and Lamar, Judges Rich-ardson and Weldon of the Court of Marshal Wright of the Supreme Court accompanied the party The train was in charge of Mr. Geo. W. Boyd, tourist agent of the Pennsylvania Hallroad, and Mr. William W. Lord, assistant general passenger agent of the Pennsylvania system. The train is due at Jersey City at 8:30 p. m.

Ashore in Chesapeake Bay, BALTIMORE, Feb. 3. - The steamer Kingsdale, from Paraguelos, with fron ore, is ashore fifteen miles down the bay. She is resting in an easy position. The steamer

will have to be lightened before she can be Local Weather Forecasts. For the District of Columbia, Maryland id, warmer; southwesteely winds,